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Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington DC 20549
United States of America

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose the following documents which have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX"):

- Stock Exchange Release in relation to a presentation given today by the Company's Managing Director, John Akehurst, to the AICD, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 March 2003;
- Stock Exchange Release in relation to the Concise Annual Report 2002, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 March 2003;
- Stock Exchange Release in relation to the Full Financial Report 2002, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 March 2003;
- Stock Exchange Release in relation to the Notice of Annual General Meeting 2003, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 March 2003;
- Stock Exchange Release in relation to the Notice of AGM 2003 Proxy Form, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 14 March 2003;

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9348 4990) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

Rebecca Sims Administration Officer DHJ.

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Presentation to the Australian Institute of Company Directors

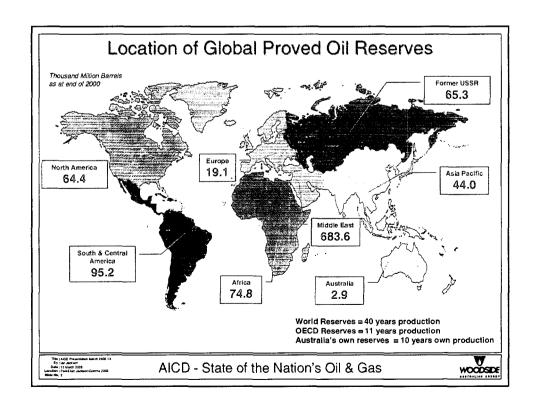
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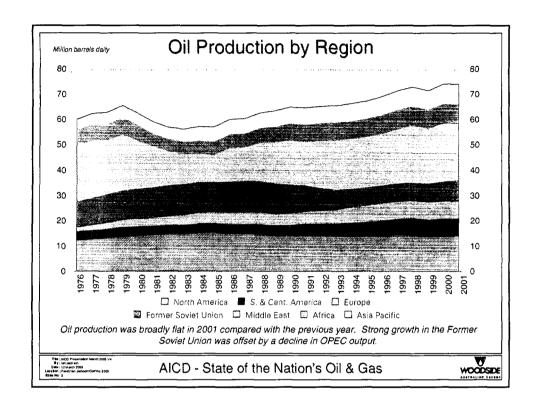
John Akehurst, Managing Director & CEO Woodside Energy Ltd.

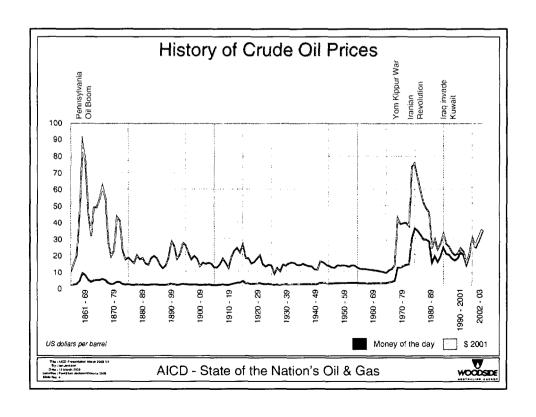
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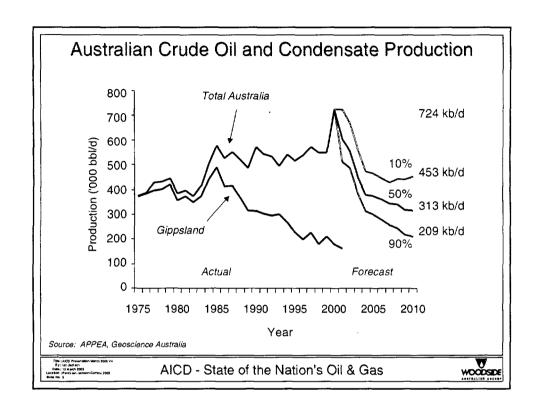
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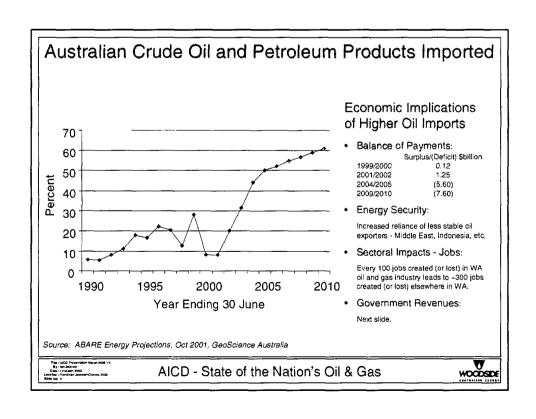












So What can be Done?

- Increase Exploration.
- Increase Recovery from Existing Resources.
- Increase Fuel Substitution to gas and others.
- Reduce Liquid Fuel Demand technology.

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There is little chance to return to self sufficiency

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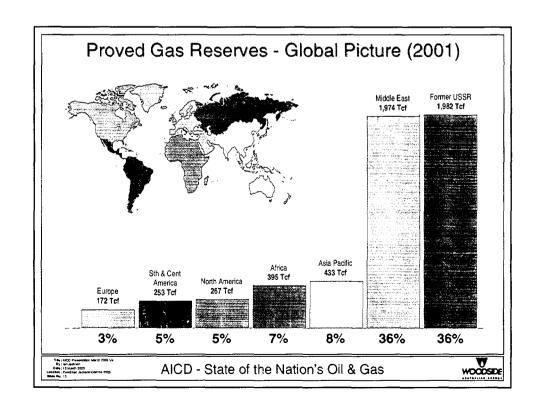


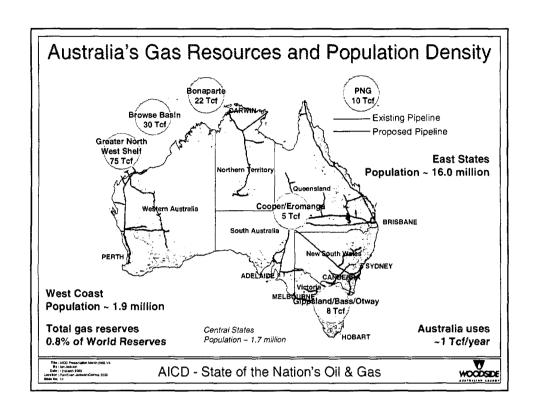
Australian Petroleum Exploration

- Australia has relatively low oil prospectivity compared to other parts of the world.
- Fields are generally smaller and technically more challenging - ie expensive and riskier - heavy oil, deep water, etc.
- · Other countries have more attractive terms.

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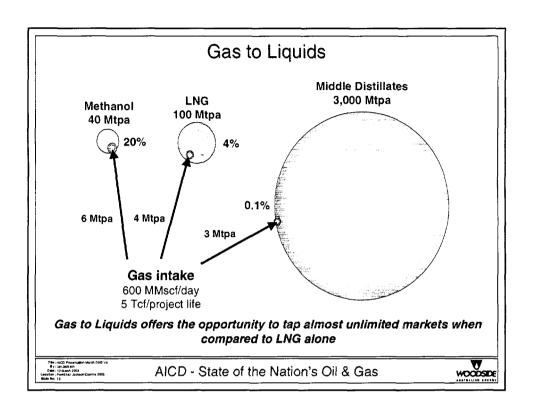




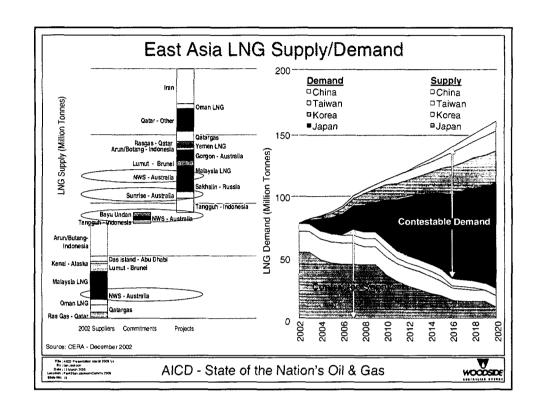
Fuel Substitution with Gas

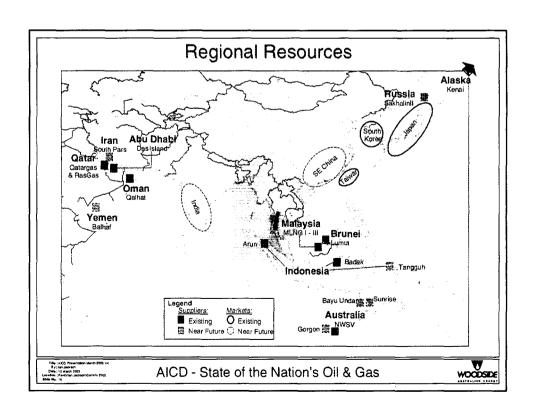
- Create a new source of automotive fuels gas-to-liquids.
 - But marginal economics where gas has market value.
- Increase balance of payments and revenues by reducing oil imports and increasing gas exports (LNG).
- · Increase security of supply.
- · Reduce GHG emissions coal to gas and oil to gas.

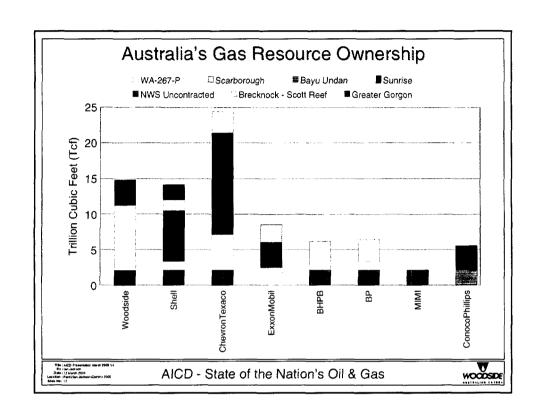
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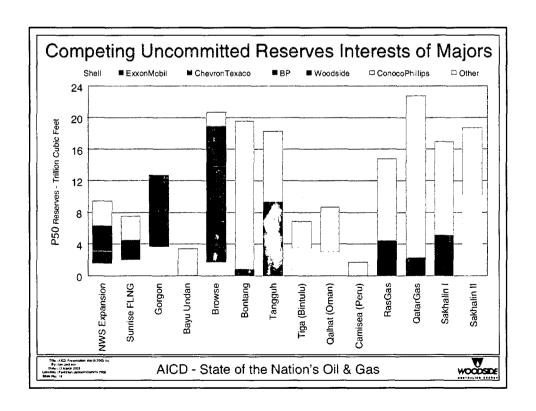


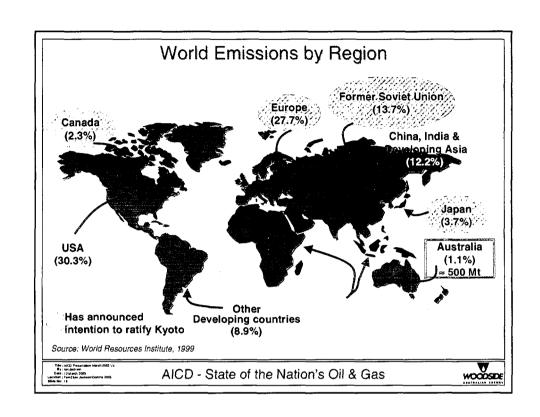
Gas to Liquids	
Strategic Drivers	 Abundant remote gas reserves Stable investment climate Complementary to LNG – Strategic Diversification Growing demand for clean fuels
Economic hurdles	 Capital costs of construction Gas into plant price- offshore remote gas is an economic challenge Fiscal regime Local synergies (infrastructure, power, water)
	enabler for the future development of stralia's gas resources
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Australia Projections

1990 to 2010 Projections:

- 116% accounting for land use changes and forestry.
- 130% without accounting for land use changes.
- 144% if no abatement and business as usual.

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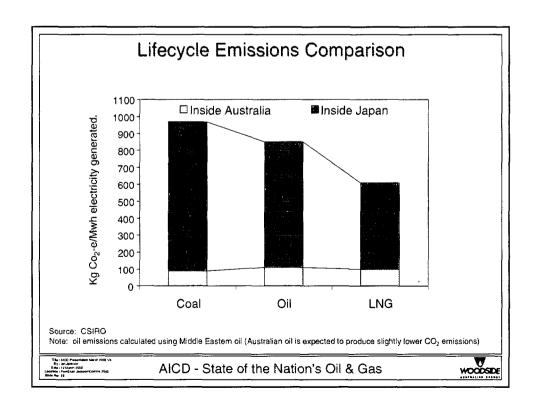
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Greenhouse Gases

- Australia/Global have accepted the need to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- Woodside operations have voluntarily reduced emissions intensity by 45% between 1996 and 2002.
- Need to approach Greenhouse Gas abatement with a national and international perspective.
- · Need to address the flaws in Kyoto protocol.
- Need to develop a longer term plan for addressing GHG to improve business investment certainty.

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Clean Energy Exports

Kyoto Protocol has no mechanism to recognise the <u>global</u> <u>environmental benefits</u> of Clean Energy Exports (CEE).

Limitations of Kyoto Protocol

- Emissions inventories are confined within country boundaries.
- Does not accommodation trans-boundary energy movements.
- Only developed countries have Assigned Amounts.

Implications for Australia

- Australia bears the emissions burden, while contributing to a global solution.
- Kyoto compliance leads to Australia de-industrialisation.



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Renewable Energy - Hot Dry Rock Technology

- Potential for base-load generation
- Potential for large scale > 500MW
- Renewable Energy Source
- Australia has 10,000's km³ of hot granites;
- Geodynamics Ltd (Woodside shareholding 31%) has commenced the first stages of a pilot development in the Cooper Basin, SA.
- The Cooper Basin tenements have total potential reserves equivalent to > 50 billion barrels of oil equivalent (or 12 times the energy equivalent of the North West Shelf)
- Feasibility remains to be proven.





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Summary

- Australia's oil reserves replacement and production will fall drastically over the rest of the decade.
- Increased imports will effect balance of payments, jobs and security of our energy supply.
- We need to incentivise explorers <u>plus</u> increase use of gas as a substitute fuel.
- Australia is blessed with very large gas reserves namely the North West of Australia.
- Gas exports will help the balance of payments and job creation.
- Gas to liquid research could lead to an alternative source of transportation fuels, but economics are difficult
- Substitution of coal and oil power stations with gas will reduce GHG emissions.
- Recognition of transboundary energy movements is required to create a genuine global solution.
- Other energy sources will be researched and developed eg Hot Dry Rock Technology, solar, wind.

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